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May-June 2014

CLALLAM COUNTY HIRING & RESOURCE EVENT

This is the second year we've collaborated with other agencies to hold a community wide sponsored event that is inclusive of our transition students. This year's event was the "Clallam County Hiring & Resource Event". The schedule featured Resource Agencies and Workshops from 9am-Noon and Employers from 12:30-2:30pm. There were 27 agencies represented in the morning and 27 employers in the afternoon.

This year we had 304 participants register for the event which was an increase of 100 people from last year. These participants represented a broad demographic of our community including 53 high school transition students from around the county. Many students participated in the morning workshops, which included "It's All About Me" taught by Concerned Citizens and "Money Matters" taught by Pierce Jones & Associates. Students had the opportunity to meet resource support agencies like: Social

Security, DDA, DVR, Mosaic, ORCAS Special Olympics, Residential Providers, Employment Providers and more. They also met employers, and some of the students left the event with a promise of an employment interview!

Participants didn't go hungry as lunch was provided with the help of the PA Food Bank, Costco, Safeway, Reath Ellefson and volunteers.

One student commented on the evaluation form that they received, "lots of good information." Another commented that what they liked best about the event was "lots of jobs."



*Starts
June 21st*



You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.
- C. S. Lewis

ORCAS UPDATE



Ten members of our Clallam County Orcas participated in a Regional Swim Meet on Saturday, April 19th. It was a great meet. There was some fast swimming taking place. Our team earned a phenomenal 8 gold medals, 5 silvers, 3 bronze medals and several more ribbons. Several members of this group will be moving on to participate in the Summer Games which will be held on May 30th, May 31st and June 1st.

On May 28th, members from different branches of our local law enforcement will be carrying the torch that will light the caldron at the Summer Games from Laird's Corner, beginning at about 7:00 am, through Port Angeles, Sequim, into Jefferson County and across the Hood Canal Bridge where they will hand it off to members of the Kitsap County Law Enforcement group. We appreciate these men and women who support Special Olympics.



If you have interest in participating as a volunteer or as an athlete or if you would like to donate to the program, please call Wendy Bonham, Program Coordinator at 360-477-4134 or email ClallamCountyOrcas@gmail.com. To see more pictures from this event and many others visit our Facebook page.

If you are looking for some fun in your life, please come and join us. Call Wendy at 360-477-4134 or email ClallamCountyOrcas@gmail.com. You can also check us out on Facebook at facebook.com/ClallamCountyOrcas

The Developmental Disabilities Administration is pleased to sponsor the 2nd Annual Community Summit, June 17th-19th. This year the Community Summit 2014: Let's Take Action! will be located in Wenatchee, WA on June 17th-19th 2014. The Summit will offer a series of National and Local Headliners along with over thirty presenters. The session themes this year are: Cutting Edge, Transitions and Transformations and Citizenship and Engagement. For more information and to register, please visit: [Community Summit 2014](#) or get in touch with [WISE](#)



Informing Families

Building Trust

A Partnership for Better Communication
on Developmental Disability Issues in Washington State

Focus on the Future: Person Centered Planning

Person-Centered Planning has deep roots in the disability community as part of a large effort to move away from a description of individuals with developmental disabilities as needy, toward a more inclusive visioning and planning that sees the individual as a valued, contributing member of the community.

At its heart, Person-Centered Planning focuses on the individual's strengths, abilities and interests. It can help in a variety of ways, such as:

- Individual Education Program (IEP) planning and preparation
- Charting future plans and goals
- Specific planning (e.g., employment or supported living options)

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DON'T FORGET

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DDAC Meeting — Cancelled for May 1, 2014. The next meeting will be Thursday, July 10th at Concerned Citizens in Forks.
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BLAC Meeting — “Business Leadership Advisory Committee”, a subcommittee of the DDAC ,will be held on Thursday May 22nd, 5:15—7:30pm at the BOCC—Clallam County Courthouse. Please check the BLAC website for updated dates and locations at www.clallam.net/HHS/HumanServices/blac .
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Mosaic Potluck—Parents of Minors with Developmental Disabilities Support Group. Saturday, May 17th, 3-6pm, Fellowship Hall, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 301 E. Lopez Street, Port Angeles. For more information go to www.clallammosaic.org

AND AROUND TOWN



Sequim Irrigation Festival, May 2nd—11th, Sequim. Family fun day, street fair, kids parade, logging show and much more. Go to www.irrigationfestival.com for more information.



Fishing Day for Kids! May 4th, 6am-12pm, Bogachiel Hatchery Rearing Pond, Forks. Free



Port Angeles Symphony Concert #3, May 9th, 7pm, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Port Angeles and May 10th, 7pm, Sequim Worship Center. Call for tickets at 457-5579 or go to www.portangelessymphony.org



Port Angeles Parks & Rec presents Michael Knight “Unbreakable”—Tribute to Michael Jackson, May 10th, 6-8pm, Vern Burton Community Center, 308 E. 4th St., Port Angeles. Tickets are \$15.00 per person. Purchase in advance at the Vern Burton Community Center. Tickets are limited.



Juan de Fuca Festival, May 22nd-26th, Port Angeles. Music, street fair, food, art. Go to www.jffa.org for more information.



Brinnon Shrimp Fest, May 24th & 25th, Brinnon. Craft and food booths, exhibits, music, kids activities, carnival rides. For more information go to www.emeraldtowns.org/shrimpfest



Peninsula Power Tour, June 7th & 8th. A two day event for all kinds of classic and muscle cars to tour the Olympic Peninsula. Starts in Poulsbo, stops in Port Angeles for the night and ends in Forks. For more information go to www.peninsulapowertour.com



Clallam
Mosaic

*Empowering people with developmental disabilities
for a more viable community*

We are entering the half-way point of Clallam Mosaic's Spring Quarter. New this quarter is an Introduction to iPad class which gets students using iPads in various ways, including the creation of video and photo stories/journals, running email on a tablet, taking notes, etc. While many of the students come to class with their very own iPad in hand, Clallam Mosaic has started our technology investment by purchasing a refurbished iPad 4 for use by students that do not have their own tablet. In addition, Dagny Lord, a Board Member and donor has generously donated 2 iPad2's to the organization. This technology investment is just the beginning of our overarching goal of putting current technology in the hands of our participants. Program grants in the upcoming years will hopefully increase the set of technology tools being used in the classroom!

Another new class for the quarter is Artisans, a class focused on making items for Clallam Mosaic's Lavender Festival booth. The participants are engaged in making inspirational magnets, sewing pot-holders and leather crafting. Of course, classes like cooking, drumming, rec club, voyagers and math continue to flourish as well. The Theater Class is in full swing with final preparation for the June 7th production of "Late for Tea" (see Pictures). The Snappy Players are working on lines, costumes, dance routines, stage placement and getting into character. Keep your eyes on our website and Facebook page for more information on how you can come and support our troupe!

The Parent Network is another focal point of Clallam Mosaic activities. The Network has now hosted six post-kickoff meetings with topics ranging from transition and employment services to legal matters and DD resources. As the Network looks to the future, things in the planning stages include a legislative forum with WA state House Representative Steve Tharinger in June, a Housing Opportunities discussion with representatives from both Peninsula Housing Authority and Serenity House, a summer potluck on August 30th (Pioneer Park) and some additional talks by KWA and the Jefferson/Kitsap Parent to Parent coordinator. Finally the Parents of Minors with DD Support Group (PoM) is going to launch with a potluck from 3 pm to 6 pm on Saturday, May 17th at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. The PoM subgroup is going to focus on concerns unique to younger individuals with DD, sharing recipes for special diet, creating a community resource list, developing a share closet, organizing activities for children (e.g. special needs sensitive theater shows, Santa visits, etc), and hosting speakers who can talk about various topics that are relevant to parents of children ranging in age from 0 to 18.



There's a lot going on, so check out our website and our Facebook page regularly to stay informed!

www.facebook.com/clallammosaic

Go to our website at www.clallammosaic.org for our classes and calendar of events or email info@clallammosaic.org.

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Clallam County Developmental Disabilities

It's been recently updated and is available online at:

www.clallam.net/HHS/HumanServices/DevelopmentalDisabilities

Resource Guide

Do You Want To Make a Difference?

The Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee acts in an advisory capacity to plan for and make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners and the Department of Health and Human Services on the provision of services in Clallam County.

The DDAC provides an important link between the public, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Board of County Commissioners and provides important information about community needs and opinions that can affect Clallam County policies and lead to improved services and employment outcomes for county citizens with developmental disabilities.

If you are interested in applying to become a committee member, go to www.clallam.net/boards or stop by the Board of County Commissioners office in the Clallam County Courthouse to pick up an application. Questions? Call Tim Bruce at (360) 417-2428.

Courthouse Closures

May

26th—Holiday



Memorial Day



Parent to Parent—a program available in Clallam County for parents to learn about their child's disability or chronic health needs. Providing personal support from other parents who have a child with similar needs. Sign up for their free mailing list to receive their newsletter.

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